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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
CHRISTIAN CLAUSTRO,  
  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:22-MJ-00197-SAB

STIPULATION REGARDING EXCLUDABLE  
TIME PERIODS UNDER SPEEDY TRIAL ACT;  
FINDINGS AND ORDER

DATE: June 5, 2023  
TIME: 2:00 p.m.

This case is set for a preliminary hearing on June 5, 2023. The parties agree and stipulate to continue the preliminary hearing until August 9, 2023. Defense counsel requested the government to consider deferred prosecution. The government is in the process of retaining an expert to assist in evaluating the circumstances that may make the case appropriate for the defendant's requested disposition. The parties need additional time work through the analysis.

**STIPULATION**

Plaintiff United States of America, by and through its counsel of record, and defendant, by and through defendant's counsel of record, hereby stipulate as follows:

1. By previous order, this matter was set for preliminary hearing on June 5, 2023.
2. By this stipulation, defendant now moves to continue the preliminary hearing until **August 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** and to exclude time between June 5, 2023, and August 9, 2023, under Local Code T4.

1           3.       The parties agree and stipulate, and request that the Court find the following:

2               a)       The parties are discussing and conducting further investigation into pre-  
3 indictment matters, including consideration of embarking on the process to request deferred  
4 prosecution, and need additional time to conclude that process.

5               b)       The government represents that discovery consists of reports, and that an initial  
6 dissemination of discovery has been provided to defense, consisting of National Park Service  
7 Reports and the defendant's criminal history.

8               c)       Counsel for defendant desires additional time to consult with her client, conduct  
9 further investigation, and discuss charges with the government. Defense has continued to  
10 investigate various issues related to the facts and a resolution since the last continuance was  
11 granted. Counsel for defendant also requested the government to consider deferred prosecution,  
12 and the government is gathering information necessary to do so.

13              d)       Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested  
14 continuance would deny him the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into  
15 account the exercise of due diligence.

16              e)       The government does not object to the continuance.

17              f)       Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. 5.1(c) and (d), a preliminary hearing must be held "no later  
18 than 14 days after initial appearance if the defendant is in custody," unless the defendant  
19 consents and there is a "showing of good cause". Here, the defendant consents and there is good  
20 cause as set forth herein.

21              g)       Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the  
22 case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in an indictment or trial  
23 within the original dates prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.

24              h)       For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161,  
25 et seq., within which an indictment must be filed and within which a trial must commence, the  
26 time period of June 5, 2023 to August 9, 2023, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18  
27 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) [Local Code T4] because it results from a continuance granted by  
28 the Court at defendant's request on the basis of the Court's finding that the ends of justice served

1 by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy  
2 indictment/trial.

3 4. Nothing in this stipulation and order shall preclude a finding that other provisions of the  
4 Speedy Trial Act dictate that additional time periods are excludable from the period within which an  
5 indictment must be filed and a trial must commence.

6 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

7 Dated: June 2, 2023

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United States Attorney

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9 /s/ KIMBERLY A. SANCHEZ  
KIMBERLY A. SANCHEZ  
Assistant United States Attorney

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11 Dated: June 2, 2023

/s/ ERIN SNIDER  
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Counsel for Defendant  
CHRISTIAN CLAUSTRO

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14 **FINDINGS AND ORDER**

15 Having reviewed the parties Stipulation and proposed findings, the Court finds the following:

16 a) The parties are discussing and conducting further investigation into pre-  
17 indictment matters, including potential deferred prosecution, and need additional time to  
18 conclude that process.

19 b) The government represents that discovery consists of reports, and that an initial  
20 dissemination of discovery has been provided to defense, consisting of National Park Service  
21 Reports and the defendant's criminal history.

22 c) Counsel for defendant desires additional time to consult with her client, conduct  
23 further investigation, and discuss charges with the government. Defense has continued to  
24 investigate various issues related to the facts and a resolution since the last continuance was  
25 granted. Counsel for defendant also requested the government to consider deferred prosecution,  
26 and the government is gathering information necessary to do so.

27 d) Counsel for defendant believes that failure to grant the above-requested  
28 continuance would deny him the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into

1 account the exercise of due diligence.

2 e) The government does not object to the continuance.

3 f) Pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. 5.1(c) and (d), a preliminary hearing must be held “no later  
4 than 14 days after initial appearance if the defendant is in custody,” unless the defendant  
5 consents and there is a “showing of good cause”. Here, the defendant consents and there is good  
6 cause as set forth herein.

7 g) Based on the above-stated findings, the ends of justice served by continuing the  
8 case as requested outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in an indictment or trial  
9 within the original dates prescribed by the Speedy Trial Act.

10 h) For the purpose of computing time under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161,  
11 et seq., within which an indictment must be filed and within which a trial must commence, the  
12 time period of June 5, 2023 to August 9, 2023, inclusive, is deemed excludable pursuant to 18  
13 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) because it results from a continuance granted by the Court at  
14 defendant’s request on the basis of the Court’s finding that the ends of justice served by taking  
15 such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy  
16 indictment/trial.

17 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the preliminary hearing scheduled for **June 5, 2023 at 2:00**  
18 **p.m. is continued to August 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time between  
19 June 5, 2023 and August 9, 2023 is excluded pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), B(iv) because it  
20 results from a continuance granted by the Court at defendant’s request on the basis of the Court’s  
21 finding that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and  
22 the defendant in a speedy indictment/trial.

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24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: June 2, 2023

26 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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